

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YOSHINARI OHNISHI

Appln. No.: 09/987,229

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,  
STORAGE MEDIUM, IMAGE  
FORMING APPARATUS AND  
PROGRAM

Examiner: Wenpeng Chen

Art Unit: 2624

October 31, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to continued examination, and in response to the Office Action of June 30, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner further to amend the above-identified application as follows, the claim changes being reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks beginning at page 5.

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